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FRESNO MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN THREE YEARS FOR ATTEMPTED POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

FRESNO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that United States District Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill sentenced EDWARD P. VASQUEZ, 46, of Fresno, to three years and one month in prison to be followed by 10 years of supervised release for his conviction of attempted possession of child pornography. During the period of supervised release, VASQUEZ's access to minors, computers, and the Internet will be restricted. He is also required to register as a sex offender.

The case was the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service's San Francisco office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who prosecuted the case, VASQUEZ came to the attention of law enforcement when he responded to online postings offering child pornography videos for sale. According to a criminal complaint previously filed in the case, VASQUEZ corresponded with an undercover United States Postal Inspector by e-mail and ordered a videotape depicting prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. VASQUEZ took delivery of the tape, a search of his residence was conducted, and he was arrested. VASQUEZ pleaded guilty to the charge on June 30, 2008

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